

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS

Claims 7-14 and 17-23 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claims 7-14 were examined on the merits. Claims 7-11 and 13 stand rejected. Claims 12 and 14 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim but were indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form.

Claims 17-23 were withdrawn as non-elected subject matter. Rejoinder is respectfully requested upon allowance of the elected claims.

Claim 7 is amended to recite "a C2 to C6 straight or branched alkenylene". Support for this amendment can be found on page 18, lines 24-26, of the specification as filed.

Claim 9 is amended to correct an informality.

No new matter has been added.

II. 35 USC 112 REJECTIONS

In item 6 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, claims 7-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for the phrase "Z2 is ... a C2 to C8 straight or branched alkenyl". Further, in item 7 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 7-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing new matter for the above-noted phrase.

Claim 7 is amended to recite "a C2 to C6 straight or branched alkenylene". Support for this amendment can be found as noted above. Applicants further note that all other rejected claims depend from claim 7. Therefore, Applicants respectfully suggest that these rejections, as applied to the amended claims, are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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